



December 2023



*Knowing Jesus and making Him known*

**We Wish You All Happy Christmas**



**Dates for Your Diary**

**December**

- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 8.30am Refresh Ladies Breakfast
  - Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am First Sunday in Advent  
Worship and Communion - Richard  
6.30pm Prodigal Prayer
  - Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Preparation for Christmas Tree  
Festival starts in Worship 1  
10.30am Pop-In and Lunch
  - Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Preparation for the CTF
  - Wed 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Church Prayer Gathering
  - Thu 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 10am until 6pm the  
**Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival**
  - Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 10am Second Sunday in Advent  
Worship Service - James  
4pm 'Lights of Love' Service of  
Remembrance
  - Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Pop-In and Lunch  
2.30pm Pastoral Team Meeting  
7pm Men's Curry Night
  - Tue 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Leaders Meeting
  - Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 10am EBC TOTS Christmas Party
  - Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 10am Third Sunday in Advent  
Worship Service - David  
Followed by Christmas Lunch - Tickets only  
6.30pm Civic Service at St Mary's
  - Mon 18<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Pop-In and Lunch
  - Thu 21<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
  - Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 10am Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Worship Service - Graham
  - Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 10am All-Age Celebration  
Christmas Day - Richard  
**No Meetings in the week**
  - Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 10am Morning Worship - Ian Snell
- January**
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm Church Prayer Gathering
  - Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 10am Worship Service - James  
6.30pm Prodigal Prayer
  - Mon 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Pop-In and Lunch

**A BIG THANK YOU**

To everyone who supported the Children in  
Need Morning £300 raised

**EBC Christmas 2023**

**Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival at EBC**  
7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> December 10am - 6pm

**Lights of Love Remembrance Service**  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm

**Christmas Lunch** - See Janet for tickets  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December following the service

**EBC Carols by Candlelight**  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6.30pm  
followed by seasonal refreshments

**All- Age Christmas Day Service** 10am

**Civic Carol Service- St Mary's**  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm

**Men's Curry Night with Entertainment**  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Please see Clive for details

**Carols at the Bandstand**  
Swanage Town Band Wed 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Raising Money for the Homeless**  
If you haven't given Mike Hedges your  
sponsor money for Stuart's 'Sleep Out'  
please can you do so. Thanks

**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**  
Swanage United Reformed Church have  
thanked us for our support. 188 shoe boxes  
plus sacks of knitted goods were collected  
in November by Blythswood Care who have  
collected 6,300 boxes across the country  
to send out to the Ukraine.

**Every blessing for the New Year**